

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic Luce-Dyer House

and/or common Stark-Carlson House

2. Location

street & number 220 North 3rd Street _____ not for publication

city, town Louisiana _____ vicinity of

state Missouri code 29 county Pike code 163

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
____ district	____ public	____ occupied	____ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	____ unoccupied	____ commercial
____ structure	____ both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	____ educational
____ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	____ entertainment
____ object	____ in process	____ yes: restricted	____ government
	____ being considered	____ yes: unrestricted	____ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	____ military
			____ museum
			____ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			____ religious
			____ scientific
			____ transportation
			____ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Merton and Edith Carlson

street & number Route #1 Box 73

city, town Eolia _____ vicinity of state Missouri

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pike County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Louisiana _____ state Missouri

6. Representation in Existing Surveystitle MO State Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible? ____ yes ☒ nodate 1982 ____ federal ☒ state ____ county ____ localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Program
Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176

city, town Jefferson City state MO 65102

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Stark-Carlson residence faces east (towards the Mississippi River) from its location within walking distance of Louisiana's downtown business district. A two-story, three bay brick structure, it is designed in a midwestern version of the Italianate style. Decorative features in the Italianate mode include a bracketted cornice, gabled roofline, and five pairs of semi-circular topped windows with osculae. The central entry and second floor of the front facade balcony, once very much in keeping with the Italianate style, have been modified to include a pediment-style projection (portico) supported by wide columns. An original, two-story side porch was enclosed to create an additional parlour/library on the first floor and a double-sized master bedroom on the second.

The room additions occurred very shortly after the house was constructed, as evidenced by the matching interior woodwork. In spite of these changes, the house retains the overall integrity of its original construction ca. 1856-60.

EXTERIOR

Shaped originally in the plan of an ell, the house measures approximately 45' in width by 50' in depth. It consists of two stories, a full unfinished attic, and a cellar with stone and brick foundation that is full height in some areas, and crawl space in others. The western elevation of the ell was enclosed shortly after the house was built, as described above. Sunporches of frame construction were added to the addition some time later.

The exterior walls of the building are constructed of red brick laid three thick in common bond. The entire exterior has been painted more than once. Both wood trim and brick are now painted white. Five brick chimneys with decorative capping are contained within the fabric, projecting through slopes of the roof.

Windows on the primary facade consist of 5 pairs of 2 over 2 narrow, semi-circular double hung sash with decorative osculae complimenting each pair. Side and back windows of each floor line up with each other and are of a much simpler 2 over 2 design. A segmental-arched doorway with red etched glass occurs around a panelled door at the main entrance centered on the primary facade.

The roofline is accented with a bracketted projecting cornice that continues around both sides and the front of the building. The original Italianate balcony columns on the primary facade were replaced during the 1930's with four tuscan columns supporting a projected pediment. The original second story balcony was replaced with one of a smaller scale that is not supported by columns.

8. Significance

Period

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

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Locally prominent

Specific dates constructed 1856-60 **Builder/Architect** Levi Ruggles & P.H. Baird

citizens

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stark-Carlson house is architecturally significant as one of the elegant mansions of Louisiana, Missouri, and as the home of several prominent Louisiana citizens. The present neo-classical portico imparts a Romano-Tuscan look to the house not unlike that of the famous Tennessee house, "Rattle-and-Snap," so that it comes as a small surprise that it was added in the 1930's as a manifestation of the early Twentieth Century Colonial Revival. The portico addition was accomplished with enough skill and taste to stand as an interesting example of how older picturesque houses were "classicized" to suit the tastes of the time, and other examples of similar remodelings can be seen throughout Missouri. Historic views of the house show it to be much more picturesque in its original form and a good example of the Italianate Style which by the late 1850's was supplanting the more conservative Federal and Greek Revival styles as the model of taste and achievement for pretentious houses in Missouri. The Tuscan Villas designed by George I. Barnett, the well-known English-born St. Louis architect, in the late 1840's and early 1850's, are among the earliest Italianate residences to make their appearance in Missouri, but by the middle of the decade the style was well in evidence in the prosperous communities of outstate Missouri. In particular, it established itself in the river towns above St. Louis: Louisiana, Hannibal, and Palmyra. The interior of the Stark-Carlson house, even without its original staircase, reveals the tentative way in which the style was adopted by outstate builders accustomed to the Greek Revival. One fireplace mantel is an Italianate marble one, the other a traditional wood Greek Revival pilaster mantel, and the interior first floor doorways have Italianate architrave moldings topped with Greek Revival pediments. For these reasons, the house is an important document of the process by which a cosmopolitan and national standard of architectural taste was, by the time of the Civil War, beginning to supplant the conservative and regional standards brought by the antebellum migrants to Missouri who came primarily from the states of the upper South.

The Stark-Carlson House was built by William Luce, a wealthy tobacco merchant, for his son, Homer, after the family's purchase of the site on February 14, 1856. In 1872 heirs of Homer Luce sold the property to the Hon. David P. Dyer, who was described at length in the 1875 Pike County Atlas for his distinguished career in the Missouri State Legislature. His house was described as "an elegant residence, one of the most attractive in the city." Colonel Dyer sold the house in 1875 to John B. Henderson, thus beginning a series of ownership transfers that continued until the building was purchased by Judge Eugene W. Stark in 1902. The Stark family's heritage goes back to 1816 when Judge James Stark arrived in Missouri from Kentucky and founded the now internationally known Stark Brothers Nurseries. (Prior to 1902 city directories and old photo-

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. James M. Denny. "Form and Style in Missouri's Antebellum Domestic Architecture," Unpublished paper, April 11, 1981.
2. Schwadron, Karen, ed. Pike County, Missouri: People Places and Pickers. Walworth Publishing Co., Marceline, Missouri 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 33 acres

Quadrangle name Louisiana, MO-ILL

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Lots 165 and 236, Block 22, original town of Louisiana. This boundary represents the holdings of the present owner and provides a suitable urban setting for the house.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date 30 January 1982

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state Missouri 63107

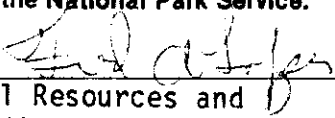
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Director, Department of Natural Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

date

5/4/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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INTERIOR

The interior of the Stark-Carlson residence retains a substantial degree of original integrity. Dominating the central hallway is an elaborately carved staircase that replaced the original staircase sometime around the turn-of-the-century. Original woodwork and doors have been retained throughout, although most have been painted.

Inside the wood moulding around door and window openings shows a consistency of theme throughout the house. Circular-shaped carvings may be found beneath nearly all windows, and most doors and windows feature a stylized pediment treatment at the top.

This house is located on a spacious landscaped lot close to Louisiana's downtown business district. Several other large old houses are located in the immediate area. Two outbuildings are now associated with the house. One is a garage located on the extreme southeast corner of the property (once the site of a small barn) and a cottage-like structure toward the middle of the lot, close to the western property line. The lot has been professionally landscaped.

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graphs indicate that the residence was used as a boarding home.) The property remained in the Stark family until it was purchased from Lawrence Stark's widow by the present owners.

A history of Pike County that is currently in the process of being published states that the house was designed and constructed by architect and builder, Levi Ruggles, who, with his stepson, P.H. Baird, constructed five of Louisiana's largest residences.

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3. Local newspapers.

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and State Contact Person
Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City

June 1982

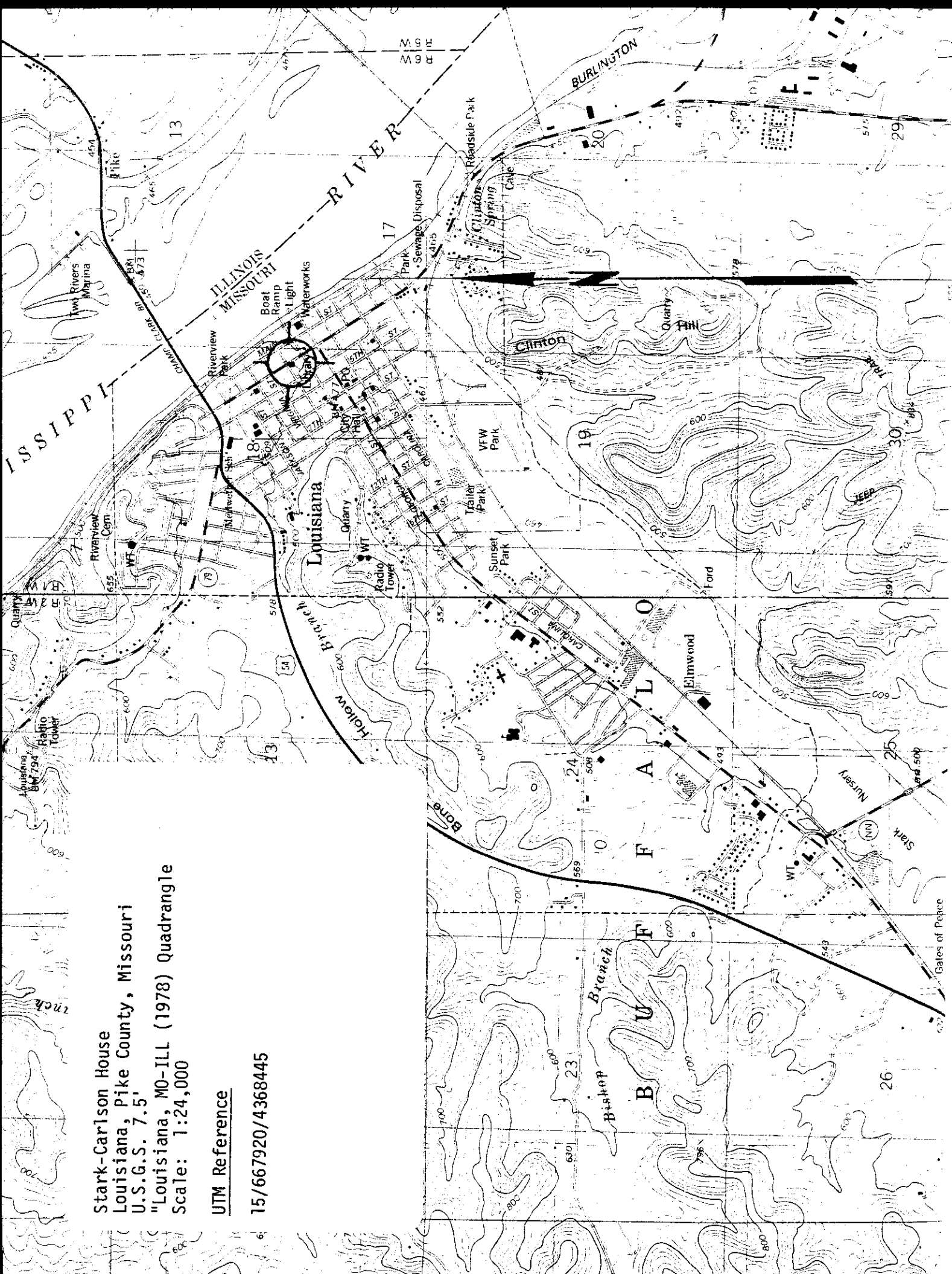
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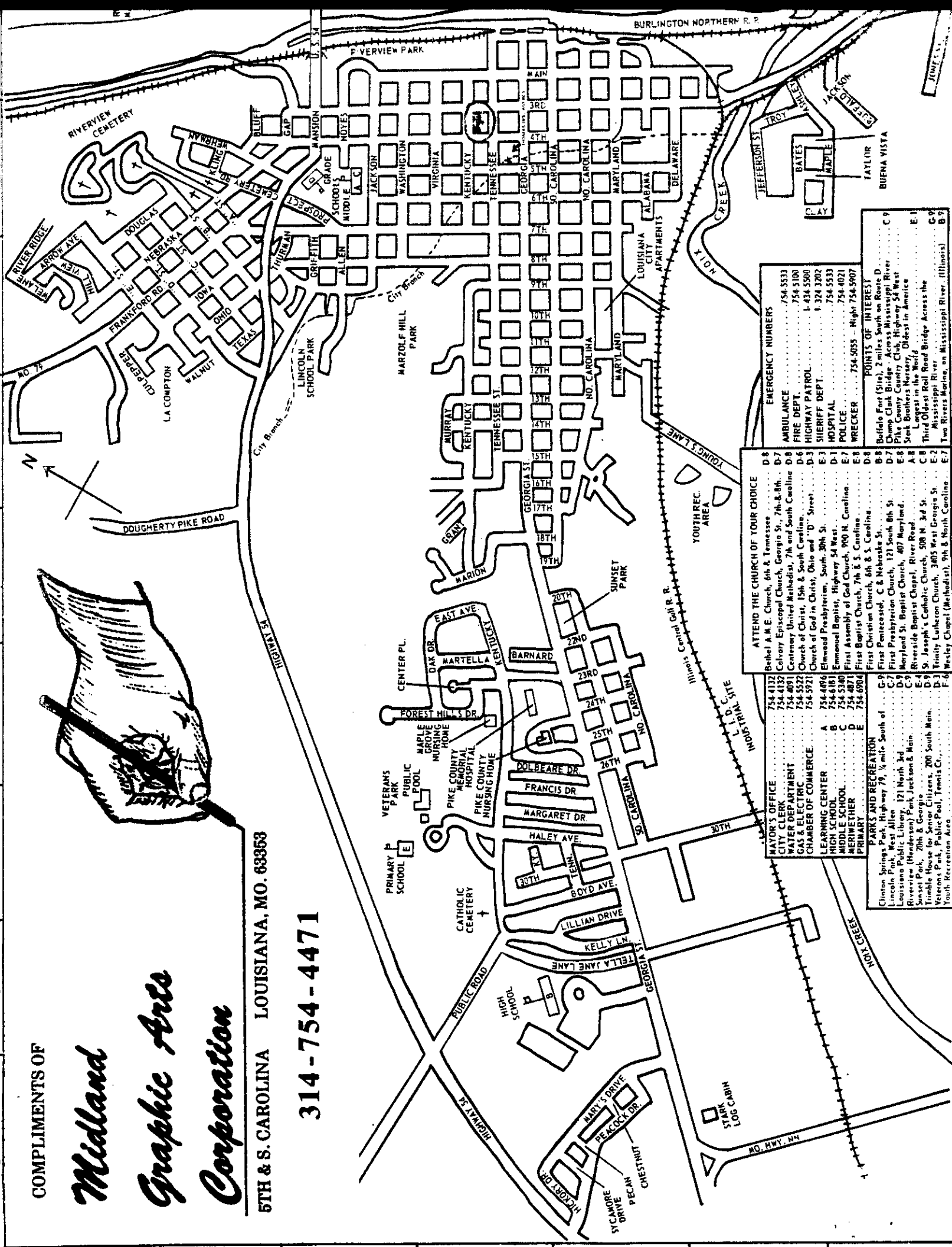
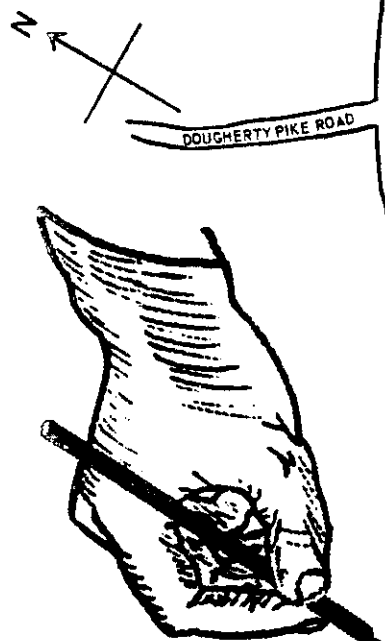
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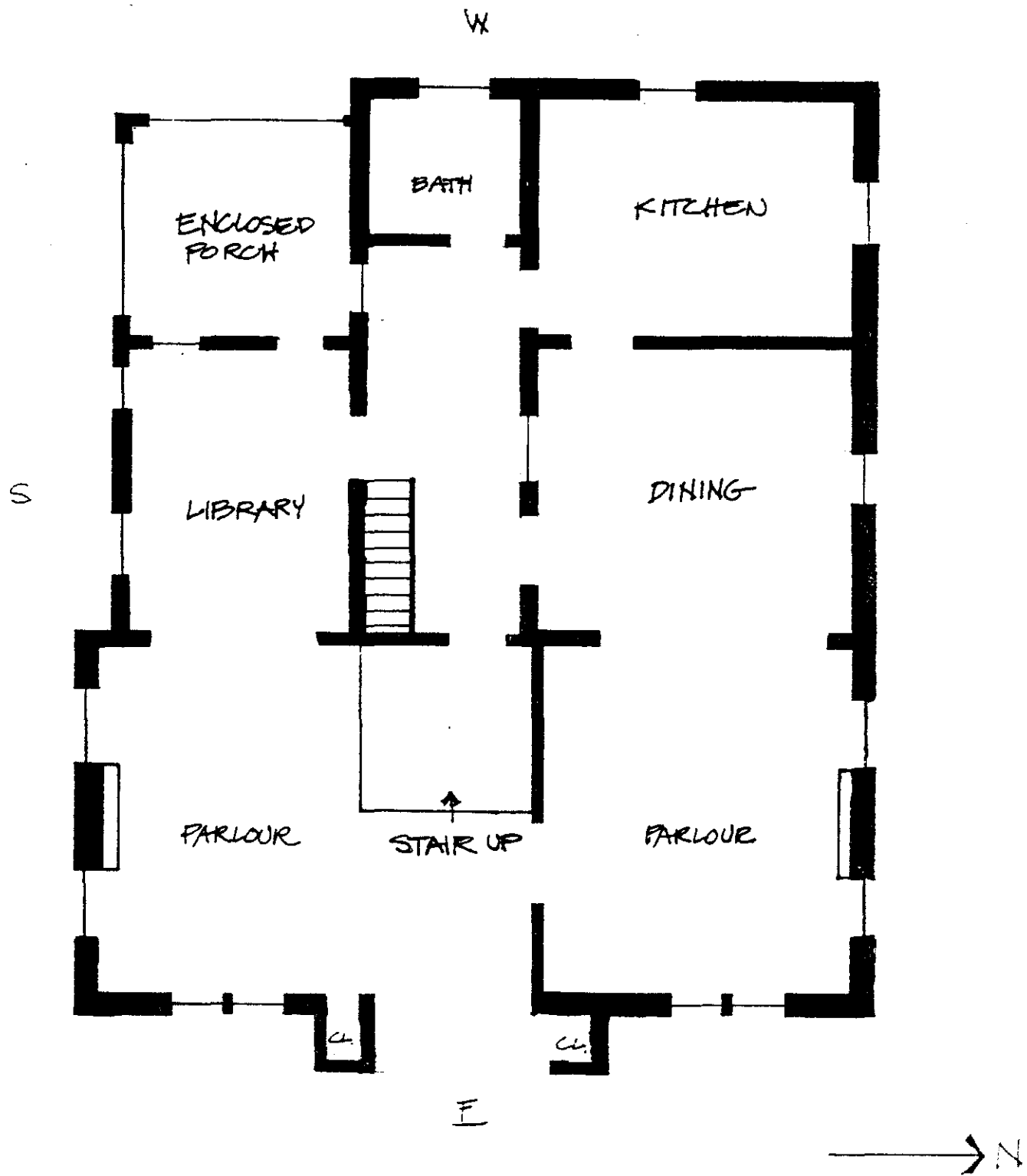
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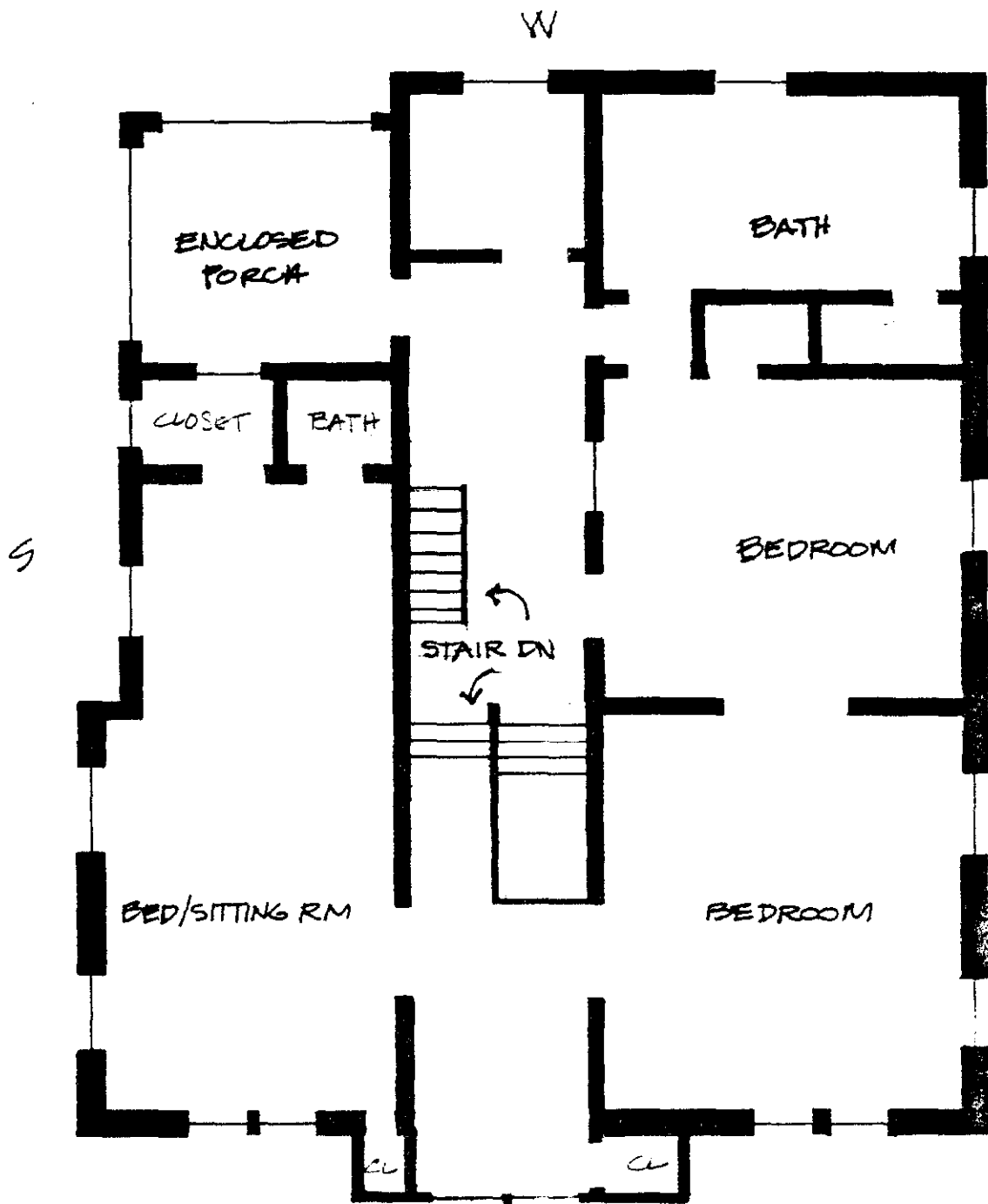


ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE		EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
D-8	Bethel A.M.E. Church, 6th & Tennessee	D-8	AMBULANCE
D-8	Calvary Episcopal Church, Georgia St., 7th & 8th.	D-8	FIRE DEPT.
D-8	Centenary United Methodist, 7th and South Carolina	D-6	HIGHWAY PATROL
D-6	Church of Christ, 15th & South Carolina	D-3	SHERIFF DEPT.
E-3	Church at God in Christ, Ohio and "D" Street	D-3	HOSPITAL
D-1	Elmwood Presbyterian, South 30th St.	D-1	POLICE
E-7	Emmanuel Baptist, Highway 54 West.	E-8	WRECKER
E-8	First Assembly of God Church, 900 N. Carolina		
	First Baptist Church, 7th & S. Carolina		
	First Christian Church, 6th & S. Carolina		
	First Pentecostal, C & Nebraska St.		
D-7	First Presbyterian Church, 121 South 8th St.		
D-9	Mayland St. Baptist Church, 407 Maryland.		
C-9	Riverside Baptist Chapel, River Road		
E-4	St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 508 N. 3rd St.		
D-7	Trinity Lutheran Church, 3005 West Georgia St.		
E-7	Worship Center (Methodist), 4th & North Carolina		

PARKS AND RECREATION		POINTS OF INTEREST	
G-9	Clinton Springs Park, Highway 79, 1/2 mile South of Lincoln Park, West Allen	B-8	Buffalo Fort (Site), 2 miles South on Route D
D-9	Louisiana Park, West Liberty	D-7	Chump Clark Bridge, Across Mississippi River
D-9	Reviewview (Henderson) Park, Jackson & Main	E-8	Pike County Country Club, Highway 54 West
C-9	Sunset Park, 20th & Georgia	E-8	Stark Brothers Nursery, Oldest in America
D-7	Trumble House for Senior Citizens, 200 South Main.	E-8	Third National Bank, Oldest in America
E-6	Veterans Park, Public Pool, Tennis Ct.	E-7	Third National Rail Road Bridge, Across the Mississippi River
		E-7	Two Rivers Marina on Mississippi River, (Illinois)



FIRST FLOOR
220 N 3RD ST. LOUISIANA, MO



SECOND FLOOR

220 N. 3RD STREET

LOUISIANA, MISSOURI

COUNTY:	Pike
LOCATION:	Louisiana
OWNER:	Merton & Edith Carlson
ADDRESS:	Route #1, Box 73, Eolia, MO
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	June 25-26, 1982
DATE SENT TO D.C.:	August 20, 1982
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	August 24, 1982
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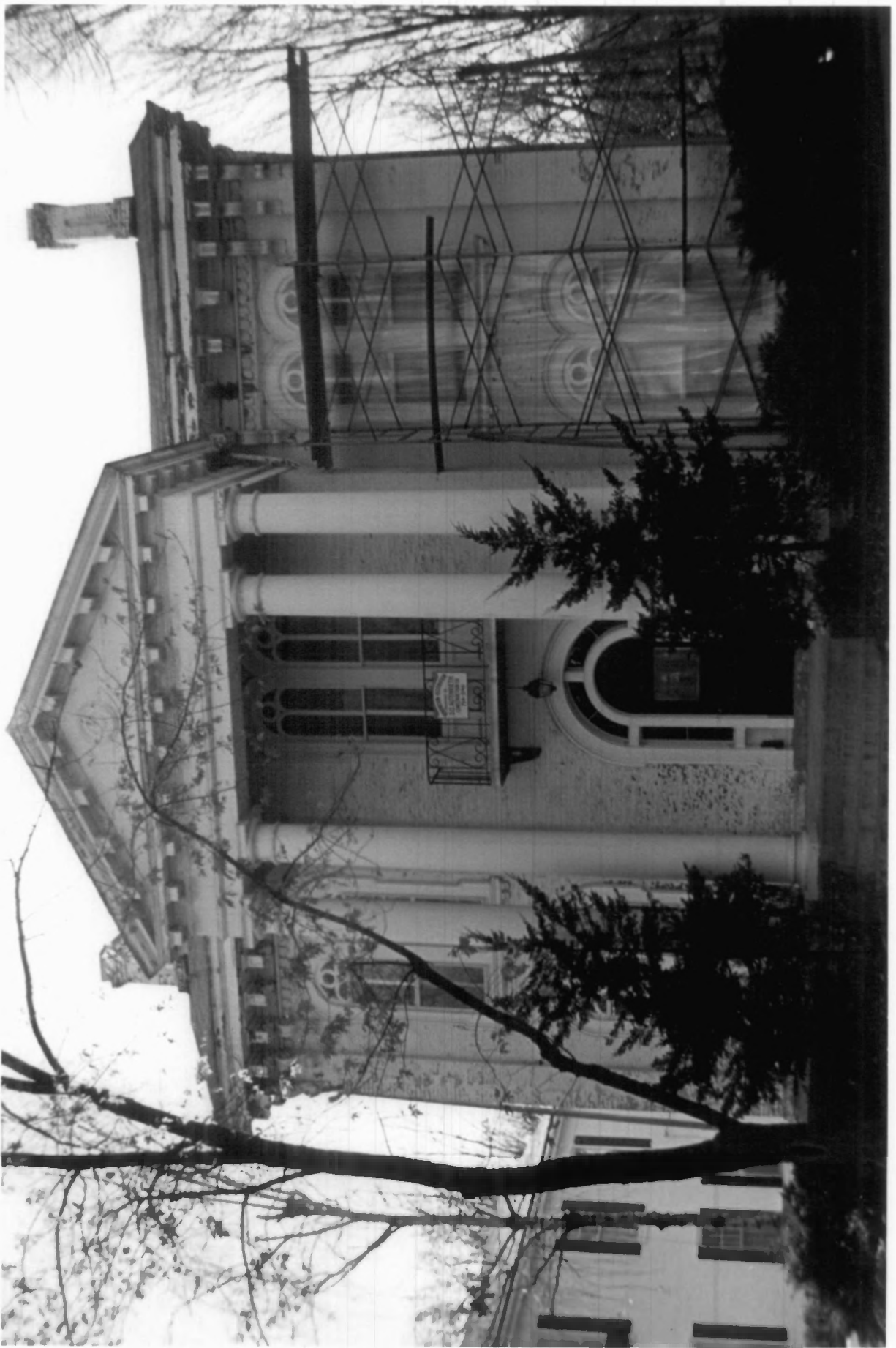
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Photographer: Carol Corey
1 December 1981

Front elevation

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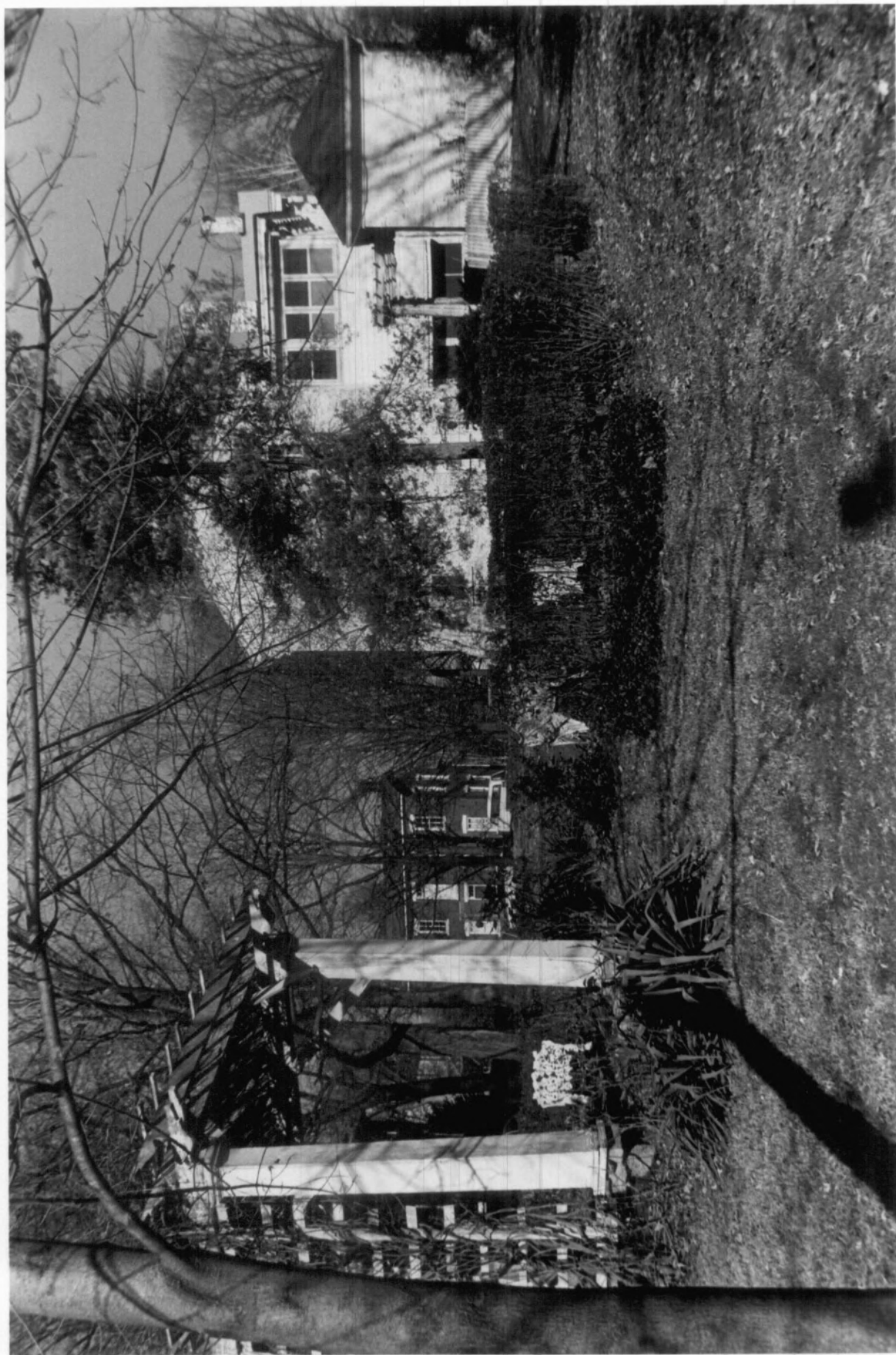


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View from back of lot toward west elevation

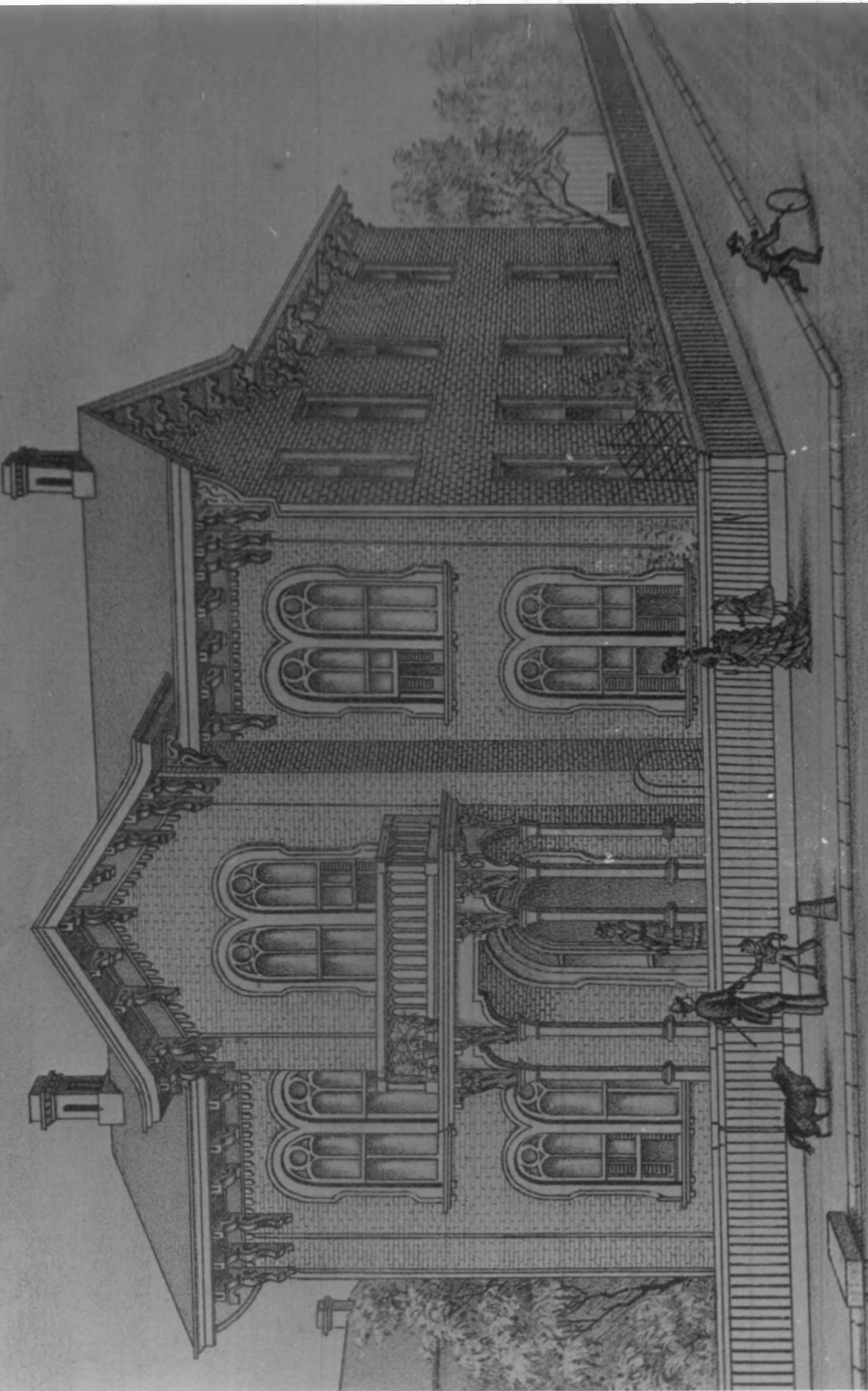
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